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OVERLAPPING WATER-PROOF MEMBRANES TO EACH  
OTHER  
Group Art Unit: unknown  
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U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,834,828, issued 05/30/1989 to Lopin et al.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,325,126, issued 12/04/2001 to Rubenacker et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,533,014, issued 03/18/2003 to Rubenacker et al.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,581,663, issued 06/24/2003 to Rubenacker et al.
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,554,947, issued 04/29/2003 to Pfothenauer et al.
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,453,964, issued 09/24/2002 to Pfothenauer et al.

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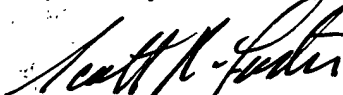
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